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ROURKELA STEEL PLANT
SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether SMS-II of Rourkela Steel Plant is yet to achieve its capacity utilisation after six years of commissioning;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are major problems in operation and maintenance; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to tackle the problems and achieve capacity utilisation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The capacity utilisation of SMS-II at RSP has been as follows:

Unit`000 tonne

Year	Annual Capacity	Production	% CU
1996-97	1355	45	-
1997-98	1355	508	37
1998-99	1355	864	64
1999-00	1355	998	74
2000-01	1355	1066	79
2001-02	1355	1179	87

(c)&(d): There are no major problems in operations and maintenance. Due to depressed market conditions, production was regulated from 1999-2000 to 2001-02. With improved market trend, RSP is planning to raise production and achieve capacity utilisation in SMS-II.